



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

*******Reminder*******

Prevention of Stolen Vehicles/Vehicle Tamperings

With the advent of warmer weather the Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind all Town of Vienna residents to secure their vehicles and personal belongings. Recently there have been several vehicle tamperings to include stolen vehicles from the neighboring jurisdictions.

Resident's are reminded of the following steps to assist in the prevention of your vehicle being tampered with or stolen:

Lock your Car Doors.

The majority of the vehicles being entered and/or stolen have been unlocked.

Remove all Valuables.

In most cases the subjects responsible for these acts have been targeting vehicles which contain valuables such as, but not limited to, laptop computers, GPS's, pocket books/purses, loose change, cameras, etc. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle please be sure to conceal the items, in the trunk, under the seats or use any other means to make them undetectable, also make sure to record all serial numbers, and, if possible, engrave them or permanently mark the items with easily identifiable markings, in the event the items are recovered.

Remove all Keys.

The subjects who commit these crimes are aware that most new vehicles come with valet keys. Most of these keys are kept inside the vehicles, either in the center consoles, or the glove compartments or other areas easily accessible. In some instances the owners have left their keys rings containing their house keys, providing access to their homes.

Report Suspicious Activity

In some cases the subjects have been observed wearing several layers of clothing, not consistent with the weather conditions. This is used to conceal stolen items and also to make identification difficult as they will shed layers of clothing as they flee the area, when they suspect they have been observed committing a crime.

The Town of Vienna Police Department is dedicated to the safety and protection of all persons and property in the Town of Vienna. However much of our success comes from the assistance of its concerned and observant residents.

**If you see something suspicious or out of place please call
(703)255-6366 for non-emergency,
Or 9-1-1 for an emergency.**

**Please contact MPO Bill Murray for further information at
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